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AMEMBASSY SEOUL

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SUBJECT: KOREAN AMBASSADOR CHUL SOON MOON

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1. KOREAN AMBASSADOR CHUL SOON MOON DEPARTED CAMEROON JUNE 20 FOR NEW POST IN TUNIS WHERE HE SCHEDULED ARRIVE JUNE 21. ALTHOUGH VERY QUIET AND RESERVED HE IS INTELLIGENT, HAS GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR, BECOMES MORE EXPANSIVE AS TIME GOES ON AND WAS A GOOD FRIEND AND HELPFUL COLLEAGUE. KOREA WAS HIS ALMOST EXCLUSIVE FOCUS OF INTEREST AND GENERAL AFRICAN DEVELOPMENTS WERE OF INTEREST ONLY INsofar AS THEY MIGHT BEAR ON THE KOREAN ISSUE. BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA ARE REPRESENTED IN CAMEROON AND HE WAS FAIRLY ACTIVE AND EFFECTIVE IN COUNTERING THE OVERLY-AGGRESSIVE PROPAGANDA EFFORTS OF THE NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR THROUGH DISCREET DEMARCHES AT FONOFF AND PRESIDENCY. HIS VIRTUAL COMPLETE INABILITY TO SPEAK OR UNDERSTAND FRENCH WAS A HANDICAP BUT HE SUCCEEDED IN ESTABLISHING A GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH WILLIAM ETEKI, NEWLY ELECTED OAU SEC GEN AND PREVIOUS SPECIAL ADVISOR TO PRESIDENT AHIDJO. BEFORE COMING HERE, MOON WAS CONSUL GENERAL IN CAIRO AND MINISTER COUNSELOR IN TAIPEI.

2. AMBASSADOR MOON'S REPLACEMENT, YOUNG KYO YOON THE FORMER CONSUL
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GENERAL IN CHICAGO IS EXPECTED IN YAOUNDE O/A JUNE 25 IN ORDER TO BE

HERE FOR VISIT OF ROK SPECIAL MISSION WHICH SCHEDULED ARRIVE END OF JUNE (REFTEL). IT QUITE POSSIBLE THAT PRESIDENT AHIDJO MAY NOT HAVE RETURNED FROM FRANCE AND EXPECTED (BUT UNANNOUNCED) STATE VISIT TO MOROCCO IN TIME TO RECEIVE MISSION. IN ANY EVENT, IT DOUBTFUL THAT AMBASSADOR WILL BE ABLE TO PRESENT HIS LETTERS OF CREDENCE BEFORE MISSION'S VISIT.

3. DURING MOON'S FAREWELL CALLS FONMIN EFON WAS REASSURING RE UNLIKELIHOOD OF KOREAN QUESTION BEING RAISED AT OAU SUMMIT. PRESIDENCY ASSISTANT SECGEN SENGAT KUO ALSO EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING OF IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUANCE OF UN COMMAND. HE INDICATED, ACCORDING MOON, THAT IF KOREAN GOVERNMENT FEELS THAT STATIONING OF UN TROOPS IN KOREA IS REQUIRED FOR ITS SECURITY THIS WOULD JUSTIFY THEIR PRESENCE. CAMEROON, SAID SENGAT KUO, FAVORS ALL ACTIONS THAT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO DIALOGUE BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH AND ULTIMATE RESOLUTION OF KOREAN PROBLEM.
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